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RECENTLY, ***EDDIE BROCK*** WAS TELEPORTED TO ANOTHER DIMENSION AND CAME FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE ***POISONS*** - A SPECIES THAT TRAVELS THE MULTIVERSE HARVESTING SYMBIOTES AND CONSUMING THEIR SUPERHUMAN HOSTS.

AFTER DESTROYING THE POISON THREAT AND RETURNING TO HIS NATIVE REALITY, VENOM WAS KIDNAPPED BY THE ***X-MEN***, WHO NEEDED HIS HELP RESCUING CYCLOPS' FATHER FROM A GANG OF SPACEFARING MERCENARIES, ALL BONDED WITH ALIEN SYMBIOTES.

BUT IN THE MIDST OF THE RESCUE, VENOM AND THE X-MEN WERE ATTACKED BY A NEW CONTINGENT OF POISONS, ALIVE AND DEADLIER THAN EVER. IN THE ENSUING BATTLE, THE POISONS CONSUMED NOT ONLY THE BOUNTY HUNTERS BUT JEAN GREY AS WELL.

SUDDENLY OUTNUMBERED AND OUTGUNNED, VENOM AND THE X-MEN RETREATED BACK TO EARTH, HOPING TO WARN THE PLANET OF THE POISON THREAT...

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HEY!

THAT'S WEIRD.

WHAT IS IT, EYE-BOY? WHAT DO YOU SEE?

WHAT ARE *THEY* DOING HERE?

WHO?

IT KINDA LOOKS LIKE...

...X-FORCE!

HOLD ON.

SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT.

DON'T *WORRY* SO MUCH, BLING.

HEY THERE!

WHAT ARE YOU--

KA-BLAM!

GGGHK!

EYE-BOY!

ALL RIGHT, X-FORCE--

--THERE'S A MANSION FULL OF MUTANTS THAT'S RIPE FOR THE TAKING.

LET'S GO GET THEM.

FERAL, WOLVERINE-- COVER US.

OH, NO.

EYE-BOY, ARE YOU--

YEEEAAAAAAGH!

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON OUT--

THEY'RE COMING!

RUN!

THEY'RE IN THE MANSION!

BLAM!

--HERE?

KA-BLAM!

BLAM!

WHOOM!

PRYDE.

PROFESSOR--

NO!

YOU'RE GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT!

WE'RE GOING TO GET HELP--

EEEDAAAARGHH!

THEIR GUNS...

...THEY'RE FIRING--

BAMF

SYMBIOTES.

SNIKT!

BAMF

I'M SORRY, *MEIN FREUND.*

BUT I THINK YOU'VE DONE QUITE ENOUGH DAMAGE FOR ONE DAY.

SPRAK!

VLAM!

HHHT!

ARRGGH!

PETER-- YOU BIG DOPE!

I DON'T NEED YOUR PROTECTION!

THEY CAN'T HIT ME!

BUT-- WHY?

WHY ARE THEY ATTACKING US WITH *SYMBIOTES?*

I'LL ASK THEM ONCE THE PIECES STOP TWITCHING.

B-BLAM!

BOZHE MOI!

YEAH, PETE...

...YOU CAN SAY *THAT* AGAIN!

NEW YORK CITY.

LEPRECHAU
Irish Ba

HAHA HAHA!

'TIS TRUE!

THERE WAS A DOZEN OF THEM! AND THOUGH THEIR GAZE WOULD TURN YOU TO STONE, THEIR TOUCH WAS PURE DELIGHT!

I'VE HEARD THIS STORY BEFORE, HERCULES.

LAST TIME YOU TOLD IT, THERE WERE *TWO* DOZEN.

AND THEY WERE KELPIES, *NOT* GORGONS.

AH, THOR! THE ACCURSED SUN IS TOO BRIGHT FIRST THING IN THE MORNING!

WHAT SAY WE GO BACK TO THE TAVERN AND CONTINUE DRINKING UNTIL NIGHTFALL?

TEMPTING.

BUT THE TASKS OF THE DAY WILL NOT WAIT, NOT EVEN FOR THE GODS.

HOLD, SON OF ZEUS.

WE ARE BEING *WATCHED.*

NOT JUST WATCHED...

...AMBUSHED!

SHRAKKA-BOOM!

FOOLS.

TO THINK YOU COULD STRIKE AT US WITH SUCH WEAPONS.

YOU SURELY HAVE NO IDEA WHO YOU ARE DEALING WITH.

THAT'S IT. JUST KEEP LOOKING IN THE OTHER DIRECTION.

AHH--

THOR?!

BANG.

BLAM!

TWO IN THE BOX.

WE'RE DONE HERE.

MOVE OUT.

MIDTOWN.

HOLD ON...DON'T TELL ME.

YOU'RE AN EVIL CRUSTACEAN CYBORG FROM THE FUTURE, SENT TO DESTROY THE PAST?

YOU'RE DOING A GUERILLA MARKETING STUNT FOR THIS YEAR'S CHEESIEST SCI-FI SHOOT-'EM-UP?

YOU'RE A HALLOWEEN DECORATION BROUGHT TO LIFE BY ROGUE MAGIC AND NOW YOU'RE LOOKING FOR TRUE LOVE?

ZRAKKA-ZRAK-ZRAKKA

WHOEVER YOU ARE, YOU *LOOK* A BIT LIKE THE *PUNISHER.*

YOU MIGHT LIKE GUNS AS MUCH AS HE DOES...

...YOU MAY BE A TOTAL JERK LIKE HIM...

...BUT OTHERWISE YOU'RE JUST SOME CHEAP KNOCKOFF!

A CHEAP KNOCK-OFF--

--WITH *GRENADES!*

WHOMP!

WHAT THE--

A SYMBIOTE?

FIGHT'S OVER, WEB-HEAD.

YOU LOST.

THIS ROUND GOES TO ME.

HOW DO YOU FIGURE?

I HOPE YOU DIDN'T THINK HITTING ME WITH AN ALIEN *POWER-UP* WAS GONNA TAKE ME BY SURPRISE.

THWOCK!

PAL, I'VE BEEN DEALING WITH ALIEN SLIME-BALLS FOR A LONG TIME.

YOW!

SHWOMP!

GIVING YOU THE SYMBIOTE IS JUST THE BEGINNING.

YOU'VE JUST BEEN *DRAFTED*, SPIDER-MAN.

YOU MAY NOT REALIZE IT, BUT YOU SERVE THE *HIVE* NOW.

"AND YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE.

"ALL AROUND YOUR CITY, MY BRETHREN LAY CLAIM TO THAT WHICH IS RIGHTFULLY OURS.

"WE CLAIM THOSE WHO WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO OUR CAUSE.

"OTHERS THINK OF THIS AS FERTILIZING POTENTIAL CROPS.

"BUT I PREFER TO THINK OF IT...

"...AS SEASONING A *MEAL.*

"SOON, OUR NUMBERS WILL GROW.

"WE WILL ADD THE WEAPONS OF THIS WORLD TO OUR ARSENAL.

"FIGHT US IF YOU MUST...

"...IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE.

"SOON ENOUGH, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHAT IS HAPPENING.

"YOU'LL REALIZE THAT WE HAVE SCOURED WORLDS BEYOND THIS ONE.

"THAT WE HAVE CLAIMED OTHERS...

"...JUST LIKE YOU...

"...ON EVERY WORLD WE HAVE VISITED.

"WE KNOW WHICH OF YOU WILL PROVIDE US WITH THE GREATEST POWER.

"WE MARK THOSE WE WANT...

BODYSLIDE BY ONE.

"...AND WAIT FOR THEM TO BE READY FOR *THE HARVEST.*"

YOU SHOULD USE THIS TIME TO MAKE PEACE WITH YOUR LOVED ONES...

YOUR AUNT MAY.

MARY JANE WATSON.

HOW DO YOU--

YOU ARE NOT THE FIRST SPIDER-MAN TO JOIN OUR RANKS...

...AND THERE ARE NO SECRETS IN THE HIVE.

SLAM!

HOLD ON...

...YOU'RE NOT...

...GOING ANY--

AW.

I GUESS I'M NOT LEAVING LIVE SYMBIOTE GRENADES LYING AROUND...

YOU GO AHEAD, I'LL CATCH UP.

APPROACHING EARTH.

THIS THREAT IS *VERY* REAL, JIMMY.

IF CORSAIR'S TRANSMISSION WAS ACCURATE, EVERY MEMBER OF THE KLYNTAR SPECIES HAS BEEN ABDUCTED FROM THEIR HOME PLANET.

AND WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THE POISONS WILL BE BRINGING THEM TO EARTH.

IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEY'RE GOING TO STRIKE AREAS WITH HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF SUPER-POWERED INDIVIDUALS...

...AND THAT MEANS THE *XAVIER SCHOOL* IN NEW YORK COULD BE A POTENTIAL TARGET.

WE'LL MEET YOU THERE, BEAST.

THE POISONS ARE BAD NEWS...AND SMART.

DON'T LET 'EM GET ANYWHERE NEAR THE PEOPLE YOU CARE ABOUT WITH THOSE SYMBIOTES. IF THEY DO--

WAIT.

WHERE'S JEAN?

SHE--

JUST GET TO THE SCHOOL, JIMMY.

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE...

"...IF IT'S NOT ALREADY."

OUR OPERATIONS ARE PROCEEDING AS PLANNED.

WE HAVE LAUNCHED A NUMBER OF SIMULTANEOUS STRIKES.

AND WHILE WE HAVE NOT ATTAINED A 100% INFECTION RATE...

...WE HAVE PREPARED MANY OF OUR PRIME TARGETS, AS WELL AS DOZENS OF OTHERS.

OUR SUCCESS RATE WILL, AS WE HAVE SEEN ON OTHER WORLDS, INCREASE EXPONENTIALLY AS MORE WEAPONS ARE ADDED TO THE HIVE.

THIS UNIVERSE HAS ALREADY PROVEN TO BE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT THAN THE OTHERS WE HAVE VISITED.

INDEED.

WE HAVE MORE SYMBIOTES... AND MORE POTENTIAL HOSTS...AT OUR DISPOSAL THAN EVER BEFORE.

"THE GENETIC MODIFICATION PROCESS HAS PROVEN SUCCESSFUL.

"FURTHER TESTING WILL BE REQUIRED... BUT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DECREASE BONDING TIME AS WELL."

WHAT ABOUT THE ANOMALY?

WE HAVE MATTERS WELL IN HAND.

"*CARNAGE* DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ACTIVE IN THIS REALITY...

"...BUT I HAVE DISPATCHED EMISSARIES TO ROOT HIM OUT.

"BLACK CAT HAS *ALREADY* MADE PROGRESS."

IF THE ANOMALY IS PRESENT, I WANT HIM CONTAINED...

...*BEFORE* HE BECOMES A PROBLEM.

"THE ANOMALY REPRESENTS INSTABILITY AND CHAOS.

"YOUR PREVIOUS ENCOUNTER WITH HIM PROVED THE DANGER HE REPRESENTS."*

*IN LAST YEAR'S EPIC *VENOMVERSE*! BUT YOU ALREADY KNEW THAT! --EDITOR.

I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN YOUR RECENT FAILURES.

NOR HAVE I.

AS I SAID... WE HAVE MATTERS WELL IN HAND.

I HAVE LEARNED FROM MY MISTAKES...

...AND I HAVE NO DESIRE TO FAIL *HER* AGAIN.

NO. AFTER ALL, YOU CAN BE REPLACED.

SO CAN WE ALL.

I AM AWARE.

SHE FREQUENTLY REMINDS ME.

WHERE THE HECK DID HE GO?

HE'S A LOT FASTER-- OR STEALTHIER-- THAN HE LOOKED!

I'VE BEEN ATTACKED WITH A LOT OF WEIRD WEAPONS...

...BUT NEVER A SYMBIOTE!

NEED TO GET THIS THING OFF *IMMEDIATELY*...

...AND SINCE THESE THINGS HATE NOISE, I KNOW JUST WHERE TO GO.

WHAT *REALLY* BOTHERS ME IS HOW NATURAL THIS FEELS...

...LIKE SLIPPING INTO A WELL-WORN PAIR OF SHOES...

...AND THAT'S A SLIPPERY SLOPE I NEED TO AVOID AT ALL COSTS!

SO...I CAN'T HEAR YOU INSIDE MY HEAD BUT I HOPE YOU KNOW THIS IS NOTHING PERSONAL.

I'VE GOT A THING ABOUT BEING FORCED TO BOND WITH *ALIENS*.

IF IT HELPS AT ALL, THIS IS GONNA HURT *ME*--

--A LOT MORE THAN IT'S GONNA HURT YOU!

BA-BOOM!

NGYAAAAA!

BONK!

BONK!

BA-BONK!

NGYAAAAA!

BONK!

BONK!

BONK!

BONK!

BONK!

ARRRGH!

BA-BONK!

BONK!

WH-WHY?

BONK!

WHY WON'T YOU LET ME GO?

BONK!

BONK!

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WHERE IS HE?

WE'RE NOT HERE FOR YOU.

TELL US...SAVE US SOME TIME... AND WE'LL SPARE YOU.

WHERE IS THE ANOMALY?

YEEEEAAAGH!

I D-DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

P-PLEASE!

I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT I DON'T--

HHRRGKK!

YOU DON'T THINK THEY MOVED HIM, DO YOU?

HOW WOULD THEY HAVE MOVED HIM?

WE HAVE STRUCK SO FAST. THEY ARE UNAWARE OF OUR MOTIVES.

BLACK CAT'S INTEL WAS SOLID.

HE'S *HERE*...

"...AND HE'S WAITING FOR US."

HERE.

HERE HE IS.

THE ANOMALY.

HE IS... NOTHING.

JUST THE HOST BODY.

AND EVEN THAT HAS SUFFERED TERRIBLE INJURY.

PITIFUL.

COME A LITTLE CLOSER, CUPCAKE!

I GOT A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR YOU!

WE'LL SEE WHO'S PITIFUL WHEN YOU'RE CHOKING ON YOUR OWN BLOOD!

PERFECT. NOT ONLY IS THE ANOMALY PRESENT HERE, HIS BLOODLUST IS AS *INSATIABLE* AS EVER AND--

SNFF

--HE DOESN'T HAVE HIS SYMBIOTE.

BRING HIM.

"LORD DOOM WILL BE PLEASED."

CAN'T *HEAR* YOU...

...BUT I CAN *FEEL* YOU. COULD FEEL THE BELL HURTING YOU.

FELT YOUR *SCREAMING* IN MY HEAD.

SO WHY DIDN'T YOU SLITHER AWAY?

UNLESS... YOU'RE BEING *FORCED* TO STAY WITH ME?

SOMETHING'S BEEN DONE TO YOU. YOU COULDN'T LEAVE ME IF YOU WANTED TO.

BUT WHY WOULD ANYONE--

OH, THIS IS BAD.

REAL BAD.

GUYS! WAIT UP!

"I CAME AS SOON AS I SAW THE NEWS. THE X-MANSION SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN THE FIRST TARGET FOR THESE... *WHATEVER* THEY ARE..."

...BUT THERE WERE DOZENS OF OTHER ATTACKS OCCURRING WITHIN MINUTES.

MOST OF THE ATTACKS WERE CENTRALIZED AROUND NEW YORK... BUT THERE WERE SIMILAR EVENTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, AND AFTER MULTIPLE ***AVENGERS*** AND THE X-MEN HAVE BEEN TARGETED...

WELL, I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND A LITTLE EXTRA COMPANY, MS. PRYDE.

BECAUSE WE NEED TO START COORDINATING--AND FAST.

IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.

THEY HIT US HARD...CAME OUT OF NOWHERE...AND I DON'T LIKE THINKING IT, BUT THEY COULD HAVE TORN THROUGH THE ENTIRE SCHOOL.

WE WEREN'T DOING MUCH TO SLOW THEM DOWN.

BUT THEY DIDN'T KILL ANYONE.

THEY DIDN'T EVEN HURT ANYONE.

THEY JUST HIT AS MANY OF US AS THEY COULD WITH THESE... SYMBIOTES.

SYMBIOTES.

LIKE VENOM.

I SUPPOSE SO.

THERE'S AN ENTIRE PLANET FULL OF THEM OUT IN SPACE.

SYMBIOTES HAVE BEEN WEAPONIZED IN THE PAST.

BUT NEVER IN SUCH A PRECISE MANNER.

THEY WERE PEOPLE WE KNEW.

THE ONES WHO ATTACKED US...THEY LOOKED LIKE X-FORCE.

THEY EVEN HAD A WOLVERINE WITH THEM.

I'M STRONGER THAN I WAS BEFORE...

...IF YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT...

...AND THE POWER... IT SORT OF TERRIFIES ME.

SO...WHAT ARE WE DEALING WITH HERE?

YOU "ADULTS" ARE THE ONES WITH ALL THE DATABASES AND CONTINGENCY PLANS.

I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, SO WHY NOT JUST TELL US?

I WISH I HAD ANSWERS FOR YOU, MS. MARVEL. I REALLY DO.

BUT I'M AFRAID...

"...WE'RE FLYING BLIND HERE, TOO."

EVERYONE!

BRACE FOR IMPACT!

THE TRIP THROUGH SPACE...

...THE RE-ENTRY...

...IT WAS TOO MUCH FOR DANGER TO HANDLE!

WE'VE LOST CONTROL!

IT'S SOME SORT OF AIRCRAFT!

AND IT'S HEADED RIGHT FOR POPULATION CENTERS!

MAYHAP THIS VESSEL HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE CREATURES WHO AMBUSHED US!

WE'LL ASK THEM--

--AS SOON AS WE PREVENT THEM FROM CRASHING THROUGH THOSE SKYSCRAPERS!

I'LL DO WHAT I CAN TO CHANGE THE SHIP'S TRAJECTORY!

HAHA! AND I'LL SLOW ITS DESCENT!

THESE NEWFOUND SUITS HAVE THEIR ADVANTAGES!

THOSE BENNIES COME AT A PRICE, HERC!

SPIDER-MAN! SO, THOR AND I ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES WHO HAVE BEEN SURPRISED WITH A CHANGE OF WARDROBE!

THE SHIP'S SLOWING!

BUT IT'S STILL GOING TO CRASH IF WE--

WE CAN TAKE IT FROM HERE.

MAGNETO!

WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO ADD OUR SUPPORT. WE RECEIVED A *WARNING* THAT WE HOPED TO SHARE...

...WHEN WE SAW THIS SHIP'S DESCENT.

YOU LOOKED AS IF YOU COULD USE A HAND.

AND--ALL CARDS ON THE TABLE--WE HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN THE PLANE AND ITS PASSENGERS.

THIS IS YOUR *X-PLANE* OR WHATEVER, RIGHT?

I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME ITS EMERGENCY LANDING AT THE SAME TIME WE'RE DEALING WITH SOME SORT OF SYMBIOTE ATTACK IS A COMPLETE *COINCIDENCE*, ARE YOU?

I AM NOT.

BUT SEE FOR YOURSELF.

VENOM?!

I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED YOU'D BE MIXED UP IN THIS!

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

I WAS TRYING TO GET BACK TO EARTH TO *WARN* JACKASSES LIKE YOURSELF TO AVOID CONTACT WITH ANYTHING RESEMBLING A SYMBIOTE.

BUT I CAN SEE I'M TOO LATE.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

I'D SAY IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE, WEBS.

IT MEANS--

"--WE'VE GOT A *FIGHT* ON OUR HANDS."

THE RESEARCH WE OBTAINED FROM THE SYMBIOTE DEALER ON KARITETH HAS REVEALED NEW AVENUES OF EXPLORATION.

AND THE ANOMALY?

HE WAS... *SURPRISINGLY EAGER* AT FIRST.

BUT HIS *BLOOD*--WHICH STILL HOLDS TRACES FROM A PREVIOUS SYMBIOSIS-- *RESISTS.*

IF NOTHING ELSE, HE PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT *TEST SUBJECT.*

THAT HIS BODY ITSELF IS RESISTING THE SYMBIOTE--RESISTING *US*--IS TROUBLESOME.

I AGREE, BUT IF WE CAN SUCCESSFULLY *PURGE* THE PREVIOUS SYMBIOTE FROM HIS SYSTEM AND BOND HIM TO *OURS*, CARNAGE WILL BE BORN ANEW.

BOTH ORGANISMS ARE RESPONDING TO THE STIMULI WE SUBJECT THEM TO.

AND IF WE SUCCEED, WE MAY YET MAKE HIM LOYAL TO *THE HIVE.*

CARNAGE'S *BLOODLUST* IS UNIQUE AMONG EARTH'S SYMBIOTES.

HE MIGHT HAVE CAUSED *DIFFICULTIES* FOR US IN THE PAST...

...BUT ON THIS WORLD...

...CARNAGE MAY PROVE THE KEY TO A *SWIFT* VICTORY.

YEEEEAAAARRRGH!

IT...IT HURTS!

GET THIS... GET THIS OFF ME!

#2 VARIANT BY
MARK BAGLEY, ANDREW HENNESSY & RICHARD ISANOVE

WHAM!

SO... THAT'S HOW WE'RE GONNA DO THIS, WEBS.

EVERYONE CALM DOWN!

I WOULD HOPE THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE'D ALL EMBRACE THE CONCEPT OF BEING ON THE *SAME SIDE.*

A SYMBIOTE *INVASION* AND I'M SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE *VENOM* HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT?!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, HANK.

STEP ASIDE.

THIS IS HAPPENING.

I'M AFRAID IT IS *NOT.*

YOU'LL *BOTH* STAND DOWN AND SOMEONE WILL OFFER AN *EXPLANATION*...

...OR I'LL COMPRESS MY MAGNETIC FIELDS UNTIL YOU FIND YOURSELVES LIVING AS ONE *FUSED ENTITY* FOR THE REST OF YOUR DAYS.

IT TROUBLES ME THAT I FIND MAGNETO'S METHODS BOTH EFFECTIVE AND APPROPRIATE IN THIS MOMENT.

WHAT SAY YOU, M'LADY THOR?

AYE, HERCULES.

WE TRIED TO GET HERE BEFORE THEM... BEFORE THEY *ATTACKED.*

THESE CREATURES-- THE *POISONS*-- USE ALIEN SYMBIOTES TO STEAL PEOPLES' POWERS--

NOT *JUST* YOUR POWERS. YOUR MEMORIES, YOUR *BODY.* THEY TAKE *EVERYTHING.*

THEY'LL STRIP YOU OF YOUR SYMBIOTES AND EAT YOU ALIVE TO FUEL THEIR TRANSFORMATION INTO SOMETHING *NEW.* MONSTERS LOYAL ONLY TO THE *HIVE.*

AND NOW THEY'RE *HERE.*

WE'VE ENCOUNTERED THEM BEFORE.

SURELY, THEN, THERE MUST BE A *CURE?* IF WE SIMPLY *REMOVE* THE CREATURES--

I'VE TRIED, BUT THESE SYMBIOTES ARE... *DIFFERENT.*

THEY'VE BEEN *ALTERED* OR SOMETHING.

ALTERED?

HOW?

I DUNNO ABOUT THE REST, BUT *THIS* ONE IS RESISTANT TO SONIC VIBRATIONS.

RESISTENT?

SO, NO, MAGNETO. THERE'S NO CURE.

THE POISONS *WANT* PEOPLE WITH POWERS TO BE BOUND PERMANENTLY TO THE SYMBIOTES, AND IF THEY FIND ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN--

THEY'RE *DEAD.*

WAIT, SCOTT...

WHERE'S *JEAN?*

THEY GOT HER, JIMMY.

SHE'S *GONE...*

...AND I CAN STILL HEAR HER *SCREAMING* IN MY HEAD.

THESE...*POISONS...* ATTACKED THE XAVIER INSTITUTE.

IF THEY WANT PEOPLE WITH POWERS THEY'LL NOT SOON FORGET THE YOUNG *MUTANTS* THEY FOUND THERE.

WE MUST GET THIS NEW INFORMATION TO KITTY PRYDE AND GET HER STUDENTS TO SAFETY...SO WE HAVE TIME TO DEVISE A PLAN OF COUNTER-ATTACK...

...SO WE HAVE TIME TO *GRIEVE.*

I MIGHT KNOW SOMEWHERE WE *ALL* CAN HOLE UP.

IF NOTHING ELSE...THEY'VE GOT EXPERIENCE WITH SYMBIOTES...

"AND WE'RE GOING TO NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET."

MANHATTAN BRIDGE.

PLEASE! EVERYONE! GET BACK IN YOUR VEHICLES!

YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE IF YOU'RE NOT BEHIND THE WHEEL!

FORGET THE CARS!

LEAVE THEM!

DIDN'T YOU SEE THE NEWS?! THE SUPERS ARE ATTACKING EACH OTHER ALL OVER THE CITY--AND WE'LL BE *NEXT!*

IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT, MISS! NO ONE'S TURNING ON ANYONE.

GET BACK IN YOUR CAR, ALL RIGHT?

WE'LL MAKE SURE THINGS STAY SAFE OUT HERE.

NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT, *D-MAN.*

WHAT IS IT, *RAGE?*

NOT SO SURE THAT ANYONE'S SAFE ANYWHERE!

WELL, WELL, WELL.

WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?

IT LOOKS LIKE ALL THE QUIVERING, FLESHY LITTLE MEAT SACKS WANT TO GET THE DREK OUT OF TOWN!

AND REALLY, WHO CAN BLAME THEM?

BUT-- SEE--WE DON'T WANT *ALL* OF YOU ANYHOW.

THE BOSS WAS PRETTY CLEAR: "KILLER THRILL," SHE SAID, "ONLY FETCH PEOPLE WITH *POWERS.*"

BUT... WHEN IT COMES TO THE HOSTS WE REALLY DO WANT...

...WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE *SLIM PICKINGS.*

I GUESS WE NEED TO CHUM THE WATERS.

HYPERION, CAPTAIN MARVEL, THING, GAMORA...

...SPILL SOME *BLOOD.*

BOOM

TIME TO LURE THE *BIG GAME* TO THE KILLING FIELD!

I TOLD YOU! I TOLD YOU!

WHOEVER THE HELL YOU ARE--GET OFFA OUR PLANET!

YOUR PLANET?

CUPCAKE-- YOU'VE GOT IT *ALL WRONG.*

THIS PLANET... THIS REALITY... IT WAS *OURS* THE MINUTE WE NOTICED IT.

IF YOU WANT A PIECE OF THE PIE--

R-RAGE! THEY'RE TOO STRONG! C-CAN'T--

--YOU'VE GOTTA JOIN THE *WINNING TEAM.*

ALCHEMAX INDUSTRIES.

NO, IN FACT, I *DON'T* NEED TO BE *REASONABLE!*

GO AHEAD AND DO YOUR TESTS.

BUT YOU DO THEM *OUT HERE.*

THAT'S THE END OF THE ARGUMENT.

I'D LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU CAME TO ALCHEMAX FOR HELP BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND THE ALIEN SYMBIOTE PHYSIOLOGY.

IT'S MY BELIEF--*OUR* BELIEF--THAT THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE TO--

I DON'T *CARE* WHAT YOU THINK THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION IS! I KNOW ALL ABOUT ALCHEMAX--AND THAT IT USED TO BE CALLED *OSCORP!* JUST *BEING* HERE MAKES MY *SKIN CRAWL,* SO I'D KINDLY ASK YOU TO GET THESE ALIENS OFF MY KIDS SO WE CAN *BE ON OUR WAY.*

TRY TO UNDERSTAND--

STEVEN.

I BELIEVE MISS PRYDE'S DECISION IS *FINAL.*

THANKS... I GUESS.

IT'S *REMARKABLE!*

THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE MODIFICATIONS OF THESE SYMBIOTES' PHYSIOLOGY IS BOTH...INSIDIOUS AND INGENIOUS.

THAT'S JUST GREAT, DR. STEVE.

I'M GLAD YOU CAN APPRECIATE THE "MAD SCIENCE" OF IT ALL.

BUT CAN YOU GET THIS THING OFF ME, NOW? BECAUSE I HAVE NO INTEREST IN PERMANENTLY BONDING TO ANOTHER ONE OF THESE MONSTERS.

YOU EVER CONSIDER THAT THE "MONSTER" DOESN'T WANT TO BE HOOKED UP WITH *YOU*, EITHER?

IF THE KLYNTAR HAD A CHOICE, IT'D GET THE HELL AWAY FROM YOU.

THERE'S A REASON THE POISONS HOBBLED THE SYMBIOTES.

DO *YOU* HAVE A CHOICE, EDDIE?

BECAUSE IF NOTHING'S KEEPING YOU HERE, MAYBE YOU SHOULD GET OUT OF MY FACE.

HEY!

CAN YOU TWO SAVE THIS FOR A DAY THE CITY *ISN'T* UNDER ALIEN INVASION?

TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, SPIDER-MAN, WE'RE NOT SURE IF THERE'S A MEANS TO *PULL* THESE SYMBIOTES OFF THEIR HOSTS.

STEVE HAS TRIED FIRE AND SONICS, AND NEITHER SEEM TO HAVE AN EFFECT.

THERE ARE, THOUGH, OTHER AVENUES WORTH EXPLORING.

AS SOON AS WE LEARNED THAT SYMBIOTES WERE BEING USED IN THESE ATTACKS, MS. ALLAN CALLED IN ADDITIONAL RESOURCES.

HEY, FELLAS.

AGENT ANTI-VENOM, REPORTING FOR DUTY.

HELL, NO!

HELL, NO!

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING...YOU'LL USE ANTI-VENOM TO PURGE THE SYMBIOTES.

BUT THERE'S NO WAY I'M GONNA SIT BACK AND WATCH YOU *KILL* THESE CREATURES.

I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS, BUT THIS MAY BE THE ONLY WAY TO FREE THE VICTIMS FROM--

VICTIMS?

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE BEEN PAYING ATTENTION, DOC, BUT THE KLYNTAR ARE VICTIMS HERE, TOO!

OH, ENOUGH ALREADY!

LOOK, EDDIE, I CAN *ALMOST* UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING...

...BUT WE BOTH KNOW WHAT ONE OF THESE ALIENS CAN DO TO YOU...

"...AND IT'S *NEVER* GOOD."

ELSEWHERE.

GET THIS THING *OFF* ME!

THIS... THIS ISN'T *MY* SYMBIOTE!

GET IT OFF!

HE SCREAMS... HE STRUGGLES... BUT HE WILL *BOND* WITH THE NEW SYMBIOTE.

AAARRGHHH!

AND WHEN HE DOES, ***THE HIVE*** WILL BE MADE IMPERVIOUS TO CARNAGE'S BLOODLUST.

WE WERE UNPREPARED FOR OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH HIM. ***NEVER AGAIN.***

WITH HIS UNIQUE PHYSIOLOGY AT OUR COMMAND, IT WILL REQUIRE LITTLE EFFORT TO CLAIM THIS WORLD.

SOON ENOUGH, THOSE WE STRUCK IN THE FIRST WAVE OF ATTACKS WILL BE READY FOR ***THE HARVEST.***

AND THEY WILL ONLY BE ***THE FIRST.*** THIS REALITY IS UNIQUELY ***TEEMING*** WITH LIFE THAT WILL STRENGTHEN THE HIVE.

THIS WORLD AND ITS PEOPLE--***ALL*** OF THEM--WILL BE REBORN IN ***OUR*** IMAGE.

AND WHAT ABOUT THE ***BOY?***

THE ONE WHO HAS NOT EXISTED IN THE OTHER UNIVERSES WE HAVE SEEN.

THE ***OTHER*** ANOMALY.

WE HAVE DISPATCHED A STRIKE TEAM TO RETRIEVE HIM.

THIS ***KID KAIJU*** WILL BE OURS.

AND WITH HIM, HIS ABILITY TO CREATE NEW, MORE POWERFUL HOSTS FOR OUR BRETHREN.

CARNAGE WILL GIFT US THIS WORLD, BUT KID KAIJU WILL GIVE US THE MEANS TO CONQUER ***GALAXIES.***

EXCELLENT.

TERRAFORMED ISLAND OF MU.

I...WAS GROOT.

OH, HELLO. I AM H.E.R.B.I.E.

I'M AFRAID KEI KAWADE IS NOT HOME AT THE MOMENT.

BUT I HAVE A PRERECORDED MESSAGE TO DELIVER.

HELLO, YOU [illegible] WANKERS.

I'VE TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF GETTING KID KAIJU AND HIS FAMILY THE [illegible] OUT OF HERE BEFORE YOU [illegible] LOT CAME CALLING.

I'M TERRIBLY [illegible] SORRY I COULDN'T BE HERE TO LOOK RIGHT IN YOUR EYES WHEN YOU REALIZE HOW ROYALLY YOU'VE [illegible] UP.

BUT I'D LIKE TO LEAVE YOU WITH ONE FINAL THOUGHT.

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE [illegible] COME HERE LOOKING FOR [illegible] TROUBLE.

HAVE A NICE DAY.

WHA-THOOOOM

STOMP!

SORTED.

DON'T BET ON IT, LADY.

YOU'RE *ELSA BLOODSTONE.* WE KNOW YOU.

BUT YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY *MONSTER HUNTER* ON THIS ISLAND.

AND--NO MATTER WHAT YOU THINK-- YOU'RE CERTAINLY NOT THE *BADDEST.*

TELL US WHERE YOU'VE HIDDEN HIM.

TELL US WHERE TO FIND *KID KAIJU.*

AND WE'LL MAKE YOUR TRANSFORMATION AS PAINLESS AS POSSIBLE.

TEMPTING.

BUT I THINK I'M MORE INCLINED TO TELL YOU TO GET RIGHT [redacted].

I'VE GIVEN KID KAIJU *MODRED'S CAUSEWAY,* AND WITH IT, HE CAN TELEPORT HIMSELF ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

YOU CAN BET--

"--HE'S AS FAR AWAY FROM YOU LOT AS POSSIBLE."

NEW YORK CITY.

SORRY, ELSA.

I KNOW THIS WASN'T PART OF THE PLAN...

BUT IF THE POISONS ARE ON EARTH, I'VE GOT TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO...

...HELP.

RUN!

WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

HEY, KID!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING JUST STANDING THERE?

YOU GOTTA FIND YOUR FAMILY! YOU GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!

DON'T YOU KNOW?

"THERE'S AN *ALIEN INVASION* UNDERWAY!"

W-WHAT DID THEY DO TO US, D-MAN?

I...I DUNNO, RAGE. BUT CAN YOU FEEL IT?

I'M... *STRONGER* THAN BEFORE.

I FEEL... PRETTY *INVINCIBLE!*

WHATEVER THEY DID-- IT WAS A *MISTAKE!*

THAT'S IT, MEAT!

RIDE THE HIGH!

I'M ABOUT TO OPEN YOUR EYES TO SOMETHING EVEN GREATER!

THESE SUITS...THEY'RE BOOSTING OUR ABILITIES!

BUT THERE'S STILL TOO MANY OF THESE JERKS!

IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY OVERRUN US!

NAH!

WE GOT THIS!

LOOK TO THE SKY!

OBVIOUSLY YOU MONSTERS CAME TO EARTH LOOKING FOR A FIGHT!

WE'RE HAPPY TO ACCOMMODATE YOU!

BUT I'M AFRAID YOU'VE BITTEN OFF MORE THAN YOU CAN CHEW!

GOOD TO SEE YA, CAP!

ISN'T THAT *CUTE!* YOU THINK YOU'RE BEING RESCUED?

YOU'RE WAY OFF THE MARK.

THIS IS WHAT WE *WANTED!*

SHRAK!

THIS IS THE *MAIN COURSE!*

CAREFUL NOT TO KILL THEM!

THEY WON'T DO US ANY GOOD IF THEY'RE DEAD.

WHY... WHY DO THEY SEEM SO *HAPPY* TO SEE US?

D-MAN!

WATCH YOUR BACK!

HNN--

REAAAAAARRRRRGH!

THAT'S IT, LITTLE ONES. FEED. *FEAST!*

AND DON'T FORGET THE OTHERS-- THEY'RE *RIPE*, TOO!

AH--

THOSE SMALL CREATURES...THEIR TOUCH...

...IS CAUSING SOME SORT OF *TRANSFORMATION*...

THEY'RE TAKING CONTROL!

AARGH--

NOVA-- ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SON?

WE... HAVE TO GET THESE THINGS OFF!

THEY'RE USING THEM AGAINST US! CAN'T YOU SEE?

THESE... *SUITS*...THEY'RE NOT MAKING US STRONGER!

THEY'RE PUTTING US AT RISK!

IF WE CAN'T GET THEM OFF, WE NEED TO GET FAR AWAY FROM HERE!

"THOSE ALIENS...

"...THEY WANTED US TO COME HERE...

"...THEY *LURED* US OUT..."

no--

THOR!

I CALL UPON YOU TO YIELD, EARTH BEINGS!

THY DOOM--AND THY *REBIRTH*-- IS UPON YOU!

SO SPEAKS THE *GODDESS OF THUNDER!*

#3 VARIANT BY
GUSTAVO DUARTE

AND NOW...

...MY PEOPLE HAVE A *GOD* TO CALL THEIR OWN!

THOR-- YOU CAN FIGHT THIS.

WHATEVER'S HAPPENING TO YOU... *FIGHT IT.*

SHE WAS *SICK,* THIS THOR. SICK AND WEAK AND FRIGHTENED.

BUT THAT'S GONE NOW.

IF SHE COULDN'T SHRUG OFF HER ILLNESS... WHAT MAKES YOU THINK SHE CAN CAST ME ASIDE?

FALL TO YOUR KNEES, MORTAL.

I'LL TEACH YOU OF PAIN. OF WEAKNESS.

I'LL CRUSH YOUR BONES SO THAT WE MAY EMBRACE YOU AND HEAL YOU.

AND YOU WILL THANK THE HIVE--

WHUMP!

THE HAMMER... WHY?

UNWORTHY.

HIT THEM!

PUSH THEM BACK!

I WANT THESE THINGS *OFF MY BRIDGE!*

YOU GONNA TRY TO TALK SOME "SENSE" INTO ME, CAP?

NO?

WHY NOT? AM I NOT AS IMPORTANT AS GOLDILOCKS?

D-MAN WAS *NEVER* PART OF YOUR LITTLE GANG...BUT NOW--HE *BELONGS.*

THE CIVILIANS-- WE NEED TO GET THEM CLEAR!

OTHERWISE, WE CAN'T CUT LOOSE AND FINISH THESE GUYS!

AH!

CHOOOM!

I NEED NO HAMMER FOR THE LIKES OF YOU, HERCULES.

HHRRRGH--

OH-- GROSS!

THIS FEELS...

...SO WEIRD!

IT... CANNOT BE!

HIPPOLYTA!

COME TO RESCUE ME?

AND ONCE WE HAVE BESTED THESE FOES--

HEADS UP, MS. MARVEL!

I DON'T THINK YOU WANT ONE OF THOSE THINGS TOUCHING YOU!

ZRAK-ZRAKKOW!

HIPPOLYTA.

SHRAKKA-THOOM!

HIPPOLYTA?!

AAGGH!

TH-THOR--

SHE HAS BROKEN FREE OF HER ARMORED SHELL!

WHEN SHE LOST CONTACT WITH THE HAMMER, SHE CHANGED BACK TO HER MORTAL FORM!

THE MAGIC THAT SURROUNDS HER...IT MUST HAVE PROTECTED HER SOMEHOW.

AND HIPPOLYTA? WAS SHE JUST AN ILLUSION? SOME KIND OF TRICK?

YEEEAAARRGH!

CYCLOPS, YOU ALL RIGHT?

I FOUND YOU, SCOTT.

IT'S... JEAN!

SHE'S HERE ON EARTH!

"...SHE'S COME BACK!"

ZEUS PROTECT US!

I FOUND YOU *ALL.*

ATTACKING MY ALLIES!

PLAYING TRICKS WITH MY MIND!

YOU HAVE ROUSED THE ANGER OF THE LION OF OLYMPUS!

AND FOR THAT YOU MUST *FALL!*

KADOOM!

NOVA? HAVE YOU GONE MAD?

HERCULES--THOSE ARE OUR FRIENDS.

AT LEAST...SOME OF THEM ARE!

WE CAN'T JUST CRUSH THEM WITH CARS!

WE CAN'T WIN THIS FIGHT!

WE'RE HOPELESSLY OUTNUMBERED AND OUTMATCHED!

I'LL--DROP AS MANY OF THEM AS I CAN WHILE YOU RETREAT AND REGROUP!

ABSOLUTELY NOT!

"THERE ARE TOO MANY INNOCENT BYSTANDERS!

"WE'RE NOT GOING TO ABANDON THEM--OR YOU!"

WE'RE *ALL* STAYING.

WE HAVE TO GIVE THE CIVILIANS TIME TO GET CLEAR, AND YOU CAN'T DO THAT ALONE.

IF THAT MEANS WE DIE TRYING, THEN THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO.

THIS AIN'T ME!

THIS AIN'T WHO I AM!

THIS AIN'T MY OTHER!

STAND BETWEEN ME AND MY REAL SELF, I'LL SLAUGHTER EVERY DAMN ONE OF YOU!

AS IN THE OTHER UNIVERSE, THE ANOMALY KNOWN AS *CARNAGE* IS DANGEROUS.

IT IS NOT HIS SYMBIOTE, BUT HIS INSTABILITY.

HIS TOUCH IS AS... *POISON.*

IS THAT SOME SORT OF JOKE?

WHAT OF THE MODIFICATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE SYMBIOTE?

"IF OUR WORK HAS PROVEN SUCCESSFUL...

YOU HEAR ME, BABY?

"WE CAN CLAIM HIM DESPITE HIS INSANITY."

I'M COMIN' FOR YA!

"IT'S SETTLED, THEN."

THE SYMBIOTES ARE TOO DANGEROUS.

IF THERE WAS ANOTHER WAY...MAYBE...BUT IT'S EITHER *US* OR *THEM*.

ARE YOU KIDDING ME WITH THIS?

THE KLYNTAR ARE PRISONERS! THE POISONS ARE USING THEM!

YOU KILL THEM, IT'S NO DIFFERENT THAN KILLING INNOCENT CIVILIANS!

EVERY TIME ONE OF THESE THINGS SHOWS UP, IT BRINGS TROUBLE WITH IT!

DON'T START PREACHING ABOUT HOW HARMLESS THEY ARE--BECAUSE I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT!

GENTLEMEN, IF I MAY.

AT THIS POINT, WE'RE NOT SURE WHERE WE SHOULD COMBAT THIS--PARDON MY PHRASING--CONTAMINATION.

WE MUST CONSIDER THE SYMBIOTES AS A POSSIBILITY.

BUT THE POISONS THEMSELVES COULD OFFER ANOTHER SOLUTION.

IF WE DESTROY THEM...

...AND DESTROY THEM AT THE SOURCE...

...THIS PROBLEM GOES AWAY.

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT *WAR OF THE WORLDS*.

LIKE THE MARTIANS IN THAT OLD MOVIE.

THEY GOT SICK.

AND--LET ME GUESS--YOU'RE THINKING MY ANTI-SYMBIOTE PROPERTIES MIGHT HELP YOU IN THAT REGARD.

WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS "SOURCE" IS.

AND--EVEN IF WE DID--WE'RE GONNA LOSE PEOPLE IN THE PROCESS.

IT'S A SUICIDE MISSION.

I'M ALL FOR A GOOD HAIL MARY PLAY, BUT WHAT WE NEED IS A PLAN.

THESE ALIENS...THE POISONS...ARE HITTING US WHERE IT HURTS THE MOST, WHERE THEY CAN DRAW HEROES OUT OF HIDING.

AND WHEN THEY HIT US, THEY BRING SYMBIOTES WITH THEM.

I'M BETTING THEY'RE STATIONED SOMEWHERE CLOSE... AND THEY'VE GOT A WHOLE CACHE OF SYMBIOTES READY TO BE USED AS WEAPONS.

WE FIND THE CACHE, WE CAN EITHER DESTROY--OR RESCUE--THE SYMBIOTES.

EITHER WAY, THAT'LL PUT THE HURT BACK ON THE POISONS.

AW, NO.

LUNELLA.

TELL YA WHAT, AGENT ANTI-VENOM.

WE WANT TO GATHER SOME INTEL?

WE'RE GONNA NEED SOMETHING TO INTERROGATE.

HERCULES!

FALCON!

SOUND OFF IF YOU CAN!

POOR BABY.

LOST SOME OF YOUR CUDDLE BUDDIES?

THEY'RE GONNA KILL US!

THIS IS IT! THIS IS THE END!

THE BRIDGE-- WILL IT HOLD?

EVERYONE-- PLEASE!

TRY TO STAY CALM!

VZZZZZZZZZZZZ

YEAAAAGGH!

SCREAM, PUNY HUMANS!

SCREAM WITH RELIEF AS YOU ARE SWEPT INTO THE CRUSHING EMBRACE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY!

THE AWFUL SCRAGG DEMANDS THAT YOU LIVE LONG AND HAPPY LIVES!

EAT YOUR VEGETABLES!

CALL YOUR MOTHERS!

IT LOOKED LIKE YOU GUYS COULD USE A HAND!

NOW SEEMS LIKE A GOOD TIME TO GET THE HECK OUT OF HERE!

LET ME AND MY MONSTERS HANDLE THESE GUYS!

AND DON'T WORRY!

SCRAGG'S... UH...MINI-SCRAGGS WILL GET ALL THE PEOPLE TO SAFETY!

THAT ONE. THAT'S KID KAIJU.

I WANT HIM.

HYPERION-- *FETCH.*

THEY'RE GOING AFTER THAT MONSTER-MAKIN' KID!

IF THEY TAKE HIM, THEY CAN CREATE A WHOLE ARMY OF BIG NASTIES!

MAYBE WE CAN CATCH HYPERION-- BUT WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO WITH HIM ONCE WE GET HIM?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, LITTLE DUDE.

KRRRNNNCH!

YOUR BOY *AEGIS* HAS TOTALLY GOT THIS.

KID KAIJU! YOU CAN'T STAY HERE!

YOU CAN'T FIGHT THEM ON YOUR OWN!

IF ANY OF US ARE LEAVING-- *ALL* OF US ARE LEAVING!

WELL, MY DAD ALWAYS SAID...

...WHEN CAPTAIN AMERICA TELLS YOU TO JUMP...YOU ASK HIM "HOW FAR YOU WANT YOUR TELEPORTATION AMULET TO JUMP?"

ROOOAAAAR!
YOU TELL 'EM, DEVIL!
ARE YOU... ME?
WE HAVE TAKEN SEVERAL IRON FISTS.
BUT ANOTHER IS ALWAYS WELCOME.
THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT ALTERNATE REALITIES!
THESE GUYS ARE LIKE... MONSTER VERSIONS OF PEOPLE FROM THIS WORLD!
SHA-SMACK!
ONE SIDE, PERP.
I'VE GOT MY EYE ON A BIGGER PRIZE.
WATCH OUT!

CHOOM!

GRAWL!

DEVIL?

ARE YOU STILL IN THERE?

ARE YOU STILL WITH US?

WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

DID THEY JUST GIVE A DINOSAUR A VENOM SYMBIOTE?

DOES THAT MAKE HIM A GOOD GUY OR A BAD GUY?

NO-- THIS IS JUST THE FIRST STAGE.

ALL THE LITTLE ONES...THEY'RE CONVERGING ON DEVIL.

LIKE KIDS RUNNING FOR CANDY SPILLING OUT OF A PIÑATA.

BRAKKA-BRAKKA-BRAKKA!

PLEASE STEP AWAY FROM THE T. REX.

WHY DO I GET THE FEELING THIS IS LESS OF A CAPTURE-AND-INTERROGATE MISSION...AND MORE OF A RESCUE?

THIS IS BAD... DANGEROUS.

THEY GET TO ANYONE IN A SYMBIOTE AND THEY'LL TAKE THEM.

UH...YOU AND I ARE IN SYMBIOTES.

I WAS TALKING ABOUT THE DINOSAUR AND MYSELF.

YOU I DON'T CARE SO MUCH ABOUT.

TRYING TO AIR DROP A WOLVERINE ON ME?

YOU PICKED THE WRONG TARGET!

ACTUALLY, BLOB--

--I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

SIZZZL-KOW!

CHOOOM!

BLOODSTORM! LOOK AT ME...

...LOOK AT WHAT THEY DID...

YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, JIMMY!

JUST STAY AWAY FROM THOSE SMALL CREATURES!

SOMEBODY-- CAPTURE ONE OF THESE THINGS *ALIVE!*

LET'S SEE IF WE CAN GET THIS THING OFF PUNISHER HERE!

SORRY, BUDDY! THIS MAY STING!

SKKREEEAAAAAAAK!

THERE'S... NOTHING INSIDE.

WHAT THE HELL DID I JUST DO?

"AS WE PREDICTED, WE HAVE RUN INTO A FEW COMPLICATIONS."

THE SECOND ANOMALY--THE ONE CALLED KID KAIJU--HAS SURFACED.

HIS CREATIONS ALLOWED MOST OF THE HEROES TO ESCAPE.

BUT, IN HELPING THE OTHERS, HE HAS REVEALED HIMSELF.

MORE TROUBLING IS A THIRD ANOMALY, ONE WE HAVE NOT ENCOUNTERED IN ANY OTHER REALITY--CALLED *ANTI-VENOM.*

HIS TOUCH IS CAUSTIC TO OUR KIND.

AND SO HE MUST BE DESTROYED.

WE HAVE DISCOVERED WHERE THEY ARE HIDING, YES?

THE TRACKERS WE PLANTED ON THE SYMBIOTES SHOULD LEAD US RIGHT TO THEIR HIDING PLACE.

AND WHEN WE DIG THEM OUT--

--JUST LET OL' *CLETUS* CARVE THEM UP REAL NICE.

LEAVE 'EM BLEEDIN' AND SQUEALIN'.

RIPE FOR THE PICKIN'.

LET'S DO THIS.

#4 VARIANT BY
MIKE DEODATO JR. & MARCELO MAIOLO

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THE TIME HAS COME, MY CHILDREN.

OUR PREY HAS GATHERED.

THE ANOMALIES ARE WITH THEM.

ONE SHALL BE DESTROYED. ONE SHALL BE BROUGHT INTO THE SERVICE OF THE HIVE.

YOU, THANOS MY LOVE.

YOU WILL BRING THE CHILD KNOWN AS KID KAIJU TO ME.

AND, YOU, VICTOR, MY SON.

YOU SHALL STAY HERE WITH ME.

IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY SEEK ME OUT AND TURN THEIR WEAPONS AGAINST US.

YOU WILL STAY WITH ME, TOO, JEAN.

YOUR GIFTS WILL ENHANCE MY OWN.

WHEN THEY COME TO US, WE WILL CRUSH THEM TOGETHER.

AND YOU, CARNAGE--

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.

I'LL DO WHAT I DO BEST.

SCOTT...

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

COME TO ME.

SET US DOWN OVER THERE!

WE NEED TO REGROUP!

NEED A BETTER IDEA OF WHERE WE STAND!

KID KAIJU--BACK THERE...ON THE BRIDGE...YOU DID WELL.

YOU PULLED OUR FAT OUT OF THE FRYER, SON.

BUT THE CREATURES WHO WERE ATTACKING... WE CAN'T JUST LET THEM *RUN RAMPANT.*

NOVA-- WHAT DO YOU SEE?

THEY'RE GONE, CAP!

LOOKS LIKE THEY JUST TELEPORTED OUT AS SOON AS WE LEFT.

YOU THINK THEY JUST TOOK THEIR BALL AND WENT HOME?

WE'RE NOT THAT LUCKY. YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED TO D-MAN AND RAGE.

THEY'RE NOT INTERESTED IN MASS DESTRUCTION... UNLESS IT DRAWS PEOPLE WITH ENHANCED ABILITIES INTO THEIR CROSSHAIRS.

THEY'RE USING ALIEN SYMBIOTES TO PREP THEIR TARGETS FOR SOME SORT OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL TAKEOVER.

KID, IT'S TIME TO PUT THOSE ***MONSTERS*** OF YOURS TO USE AND DO A LITTLE SURPRISE ATTACKING OF OUR OWN.

"WE TRACK THE *PREY* AND WE'LL CATCH THE *PREDATORS.*"

I KNOW WHERE THEY ARE!

I'M SORRY, CYCLOPS, BUT I'M NOT SURE THIS IS THE TIME OR PLACE.

THERE ARE OVER A DOZEN SUPERHUMAN IN SYMBIOTES A FEW FLOORS BELOW US, AND WE'RE TRYING TO--

JEAN'S STILL ALIVE-- SHE'S ON A POISON SHIP IN ORBIT!

SHE'S *COMMUNICATING* WITH ME!

SHE'S CALLING OUT!

KID...WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS.

JEAN GREY IS GONE.

SHE'S DEAD.

MAYBE SHE'S BEEN ABLE TO RESIST THE INFLUENCE OF THE POISONS!

MAYBE SHE'S *FIGHTING THEM OFF.*

THE POISONS USE *PSYCHIC LURES* TO HELP THEM GRAB THEIR VICTIMS.

THEY MIGHT BE USING YOUR PSYCHIC CONNECTION TO JEAN--TRYING TO DRAW US OUT.

AND IF THEY *ARE* IN COMMUNICATION, WE MAY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO USE THE *ANTI-VENOM* TO--

NO WAY.

I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU TURN ME INTO A WEAPON.

MY ANTI-SYMBIOTE PROPERTIES...THEY AREN'T SUPPOSED TO KILL PEOPLE.

BUT WHEN I TOUCHED THAT POISON...

DID YOU HEAR THE WAY HE SCREAMED?

THERE WAS A PERSON INSIDE THAT THING.

AND I JUST... MURDERED HIM.

HAVEN'T YOU BEEN LISTENING?

WHOEVER WAS INSIDE THE POISON, HE WAS ALREADY DEAD.

ONCE THE POISONS TAKE OVER...THE SYMBIOTE... THE HOST...THEY CEASE TO EXIST.

I KNOW YOU'VE FACED THESE THINGS BEFORE, VENOM...

...BUT CAN YOU BE ABSOLUTELY SURE ABOUT THAT?

WE'RE SURROUNDED BY SOME OF THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC MINDS IN THE WORLD.

ARE YOU SO SURE THEY CAN'T FIGURE SOMETHING ELSE OUT?

I'M SURE WE DON'T HAVE TIME.

THE POISONS ARE COLLECTING WEAPONS.

THEY'VE BEEN JUMPING THROUGH REALITY, GATHERING UP TOUGH CUSTOMERS TO BOLSTER THEIR RANKS.

IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE THEY GET SOMEONE LIKE THE KID HERE...

...SOMEONE WHO CAN CONTROL MONSTERS...

...AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS... WELL--

SKRA-BOOM!

UH-OH.

YOU GUYS HEAR THAT? I THINK MAYBE...

"...THEY FOUND US!"

THIS IS BECAUSE OF YOU! YOU LET THEM IN YOUR HEAD!
I TOLD YOU YOUR GIRL WASN'T ALIVE IN THERE!
NO...
...IT...
...IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN JEAN.
MAYBE... MAYBE NOT.
IT'S NOT IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW.
GOTTA STOP THE POISONS FROM KILLING EVERYONE DOWNSTAIRS.
YOU TWO-- STAY HERE. STAY WITH THE DOC AND WATCH THE MONITORS.
STAY AS FAR FROM THOSE POISONS AS YOU CAN.
YEAH, RIGHT.
NO DAMN TIME TO ARGUE.
JUST...
...TRY NOT TO GET YOURSELVES KILLED.
DON'T WORRY, VENOM!
I'VE GOT US COVERED!

MEANWHILE...

KITTY! GET THE STUDENTS CLEAR!

WE CAN'T HOLD THEM OFF FOREVER!

JIMMY...

BETTER LISTEN TO YER FRIEND, GIRLIE.

ANY BISCUITS LEFT ON THE PLATE... GET *ET!*

YEEEEEAAAARGH!

EYE-BOY!

BAMF

WHERE ARE WE TAKING THEM?

SO YOU'RE CARNAGE, HUH?

HOW ABOUT LEAVE THE KIDS ALONE AND DEAL WITH ME?

ANYWHERE BUT HERE, ELF!

WHATEVER YOU SAY, FRIEND-O.

BUT YOU SHOULD BE WATCHING YOUR BACK!

NNGGYYEAAAAH!

ALL THIS TIME ON THIS WORLD...

...SO LOST...

...SO ALONE...

...BUT NOW *THE HIVE* HAS GIVEN ME PURPOSE.

I AM SORRY, JIMMY...

...SORRY I COULD NOT PROTECT YOU.

GRNK!

DEVIL!

DID HE--

DON'T SWEAT IT, LUNELLA!

I SENT DEVIL SOMEWHERE SAFE!

NOW WE'RE HERE TO DO THE SAME FOR THE REST OF YOU!

HOLD THEM BACK!
WE NEED TO GIVE EVERYONE TIME TO CLEAR THE BUILDING!
THEN--AND ONLY THEN--WE PULL BACK TO READY A *COUNTER-STRIKE!*
KID KAIJU!
LIKE WE TALKED ABOUT!
BRING IN SOME BACKUP!
WORKING ON IT, CAP!
WELL, WELL, WELL!
LOOKS LIKE THEY BROUGHT THE LITTLEST ANOMALY RIGHT TO THE FEEDING FRENZY!
OH, HEY.
MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO MEET SOME OF MY FRIENDS--
--GOOM, GOMDULLA AND GORGILLA.

SORRY FOR CRASHING THE PARTY, CAP!
WE'VE GOT A PLAN!
CYCLOPS HAS A CONNECTION TO THE POISONS!
IT'S NOT THE POISONS!
IT'S *JEAN!*
EITHER WAY, WE'RE GONNA TRY TO HIT 'EM WHERE THEY LIVE!
SPIDER-MAN? SPEAK UP.
ARE YOU SIDING WITH *VENOM* ON THIS?
I DON'T THINK I HAVE A CHOICE!
SHATATA!
CLOSE ENOUGH FOR GOVERNMENT WORK!
WE'LL NEED DEVIL FOR THIS, TOO.
LET'S--
HEY!
SORRY, LUNELLA.
I'M SENDING YOU AWAY, TOO.
YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO SIT THIS ONE OUT, KID?
I BETTER NOT.
DON'T WORRY. I'LL MAKE SURE DEVIL'S THERE TO LOOK OUT FOR YOU.

"SOMEONE'S GOTTA SAVE THE DAY."

ALCEMAX

HERE'S HOPING CYCLOPS IS RIGHT ABOUT JEAN GREY.

VERILY, CAPTAIN. YOU MEAN YOU HOPE WE ARE NOT STUMBLING INTO A DEATH TRAP.

VERILY.

HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP, DANGER?

THE LAST TIME I WENT INTO SPACE, I ALMOST DIED.

I'M JUST... PEACHY.

TAKE US BACK HOME.

THEY THINK THEY CAN GET AWAY FROM US.

I WANT TO BE THERE TO PROVE THEM WRONG.

OUR ORDERS ARE TO REMAIN ON EARTH.

WE ARE TO BOLSTER OUR RANKS AND STRENGTHEN THE HIVE.

HANG ON!

WE'VE GOT INCOMING--

OBSESSED

THE QUINJET! IT'S BEEN HIT!

THEY NEED OUR HELP!

THERE'S NOT MUCH WE CAN DO FOR THEM!

WE NEED TO HIT THE POISONS NOW--OR WE'LL NEVER STOP THEM!

IS EVERYONE--

I THINK... WE'RE OKAY.

I USED MY SYMBIOTE TO CREATE A CUSHION...

...TO SOFTEN THE CRASH.

GROSS.

SYMBIOTES-- STAY BACK.

WE MAY HAVE SURVIVED THE CRASH...

...BUT I HAVE A FEELING...

...THAT WAS THE *PLAN.*

Y'KNOW, I MIGHT NOT WANT TO HURT SOMEONE WHO WAS ONCE A FRIEND...

...BUT THIS GUY WAS *NEVER* A FRIEND!

BRAKKA! BRAKKA!

BRAKKA! BRAKKA! BRAKKA!

SKRREEEEE

SORRY, BUDDY. LOOKS LIKE I'M IMMUNE TO YOUR CHARMS.

THIS IS GOING TO HURT.

A LOT.

YES. IT WILL.

VRAAAAK!

GONNA NEED SOMETHING *BIG* FOR THIS GUY...

AH, *KID KAIJU* AT LAST--

NOT SO FAST, LITTLE GUY.

WA-BOOM!

THE MIGHTY SCRAGG DEMANDS THAT YOU SURRENDER PEACEFULLY!

ALL OUR AWFUL DIFFERENCES CAN BE SETTLED THROUGH THE TERRIFYING POWER OF RATIONAL DISCUSSION!

BUT... Y'KNOW...WE CAN GO THE OTHER WAY, TOO.

AT *LAST* MY MISTRESS WILL BE *SO* PLEASED.

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WHETHER WE LIVE OR DIE... *THIS ENDS NOW!*

MANHATTAN.

THEY'VE GOT HIM!

THEY'RE *BEATING* THANOS.

YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE A BIG, BAD *MONSTER,* DIDN'T YA?

YEAH--YOU WERE REAL TOUGH RIGHT UP UNTIL YOU MET WITH THE *REAL DEAL!*

WHOOM! WHOOM! BOOM!

THE MIGHTY *SKRAGG* DEMANDS THAT WE NOT HUMILIATE OUR ENEMIES, EVEN IN OUR VICTORY!

UH...CAP? CAPTAIN AMERICA?

YOU OKAY?

I THINK WE'RE GONNA BE ALL RIGHT.

I THINK...

"...WE'RE GONNA GET THROUGH THIS."

BIG FELLA. GONNA TAKE *ALL* MY SYMBIOTES TO TURN *YOU.*

BWA-

THOOM!

THE MIGHTY SCRAGG FEELS-- *POWERFUL!*

OH... OH, NO.

SCRAGG... YOU GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!

SCRAGG--

--RUN!

THE MIGHTY SCRAGG OFFERS A THUNDEROUS WELCOME TO HIS SYMBIOTIC FRIEND!

THE MIGHTY SCRAGG--

SKREEAA

AARRRK!

THE MIGHTY SCRAGG IS *MADE WHOLE!*

THE MIGHTY SCRAGG BRINGS TIDINGS OF RUINATION AND DESTRUCTION TO THOSE WHO WOULD OPPOSE *THE HIVE!*

THOUGH THE MIGHTY SCRAGG DOES NOT KNOW WHY ANYONE WOULD!

SCRAGG-- YOU...

...YOU CAN'T BE...

WAIT.

WHAT JUST HAPPENED/ OCCURRED/ TRANSPIRED?

IS SCRAGG--

DON'T WORRY, *MEKARA!* I... I CAN FIX THIS!

SCRAGG-- JUST *HANG ON!*

AW, KID.

IT'S NO USE.

THAT MONSTER OF YOURS...IT'S *GONE.*

"EVERYONE HOLD ON!"

WE'RE ALMOST TO YOUR COORDINATES, *CYCLOPS*, BUT WE'VE GOT *HOSTILES!*

YOUR CONNECTION TO JEAN *BETRAYED US.*

THE POISONS KNEW WE WERE COMING!

"THEY ROLLED OUT THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE!"

DANGER-- THE POISONS HAVE THEIR SHIP SEALED UP TIGHT.

THEY'RE NOT GOING TO OPEN THE DOORS FOR US.

I UNDERSTAND, BEAST.

YIELD THE CONTROLS TO ME.

AND BRACE FOR IMPACT.

SKRA-KRA-

THOOOOOM!

ALL IN ALL, NOT THE WORST LANDING.

SKRRRRK

DANGER, ARE YOU--

I'VE BEEN ÷SKKZK÷ BETTER.

BUT I'LL SURVIVE.

AND-- THANKS TO ME--SO WILL YOU.

I'M USING HARD LIGHT PROJECTIONS TO KEEP YOU ALL FROM BEING SUCKED OUT INTO SPACE.

YOUR SPACESHIP IS THOUGHTFUL.

I LIKE THAT.

YOU STILL HEARING JEAN?

IS SHE TELLING YOU WHERE TO GO?

N-NO.

SHE'S GONE SILENT.

WELL... WE ALL *KNEW* THIS MAY'VE BEEN A TRAP.

OH, IT'S A *TRAP*, ALL RIGHT, "DADDY."

ONLY YOU TRAPPED *YOURSELVES*...

...LIKE A RABBIT IN A BOX, AND *JEAN GREY* WAS THE CARROT!

AND SINCE I CONVINCED DRUID TO 'PORT US HOME, I GET TO SKIN *THE BUNNIES!*

KRAKOOM!

SORRY.

I'M JUST... NOT A BIG FAN OF MAGIC.

DON'T APOLOGIZE.

GET MOVING.

FOLLOW THE BAIT. FIND JEAN, AND *SHUT* THIS OPERATION DOWN.

SPIDER-MAN AND I CAN HANDLE CARNAGE.

JUST LIKE OLD TIMES-- I LOVE IT!

BEAST... CYCLOPS...

...YOU UNDERSTAND THAT WHAT WE ARE DOING...

...EVEN IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL...

...WE WILL LIKELY NOT SURVIVE.

MY FATE'S ALREADY SET, BLOODSTORM.

I'VE BEEN LOOKING DOWN THE BARREL OF AN IMMINENT DEATH SINCE I GOT HERE.

JUST MEANS I NEED TO MAKE WHATEVER TIME I HAVE LEFT *MEAN* SOMETHING.

I AM IMMORTAL, SCOTT SUMMERS...

...AND I FIND MYSELF WISHING I HAD MORE TIME TO KNOW YOU.

NNNN...

VENOM WAS *RIGHT.* JEAN...

...SHE'S STILL REACHING OUT...

...TELLING ME WHERE TO GO...

IF YOU DON'T MIND AN INTERRUPTION FROM THE "ALWAYS THE BRIDESMAID" GALLERY...

...I'VE USED MY FUTURE-TECH TO ACCESS THIS SHIP'S SECURITY SYSTEMS.

I CAN TRACK POISON MOVEMENT... AND I CAN OPEN AND CLOSE DOORS TO MAKE OUR PATH EASIER.

THIS WAY.

J-JEAN?

THAT'S RIGHT, SCOTT. *YOU FOUND ME.*

I'VE BEEN HERE SO LONG.

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.

JEAN! I THOUGHT WE'D *LOST* YOU!

I THOUGHT *I'D* LOST YOU!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, SCOTT?

THAT'S NOT JEAN--

--IT'S *THE GOBLIN QUEEN!*

IT'S ALL RIGHT, HENRY.

WE CAN PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF... CONTINUE OUR STUDIES.

BLOODSTORM, MY LOVE--

WE'RE... BEING DECEIVED.

WHAT WE'RE SEEING, THE PEOPLE WE *LOVE*...

...THEY'RE THE *LURES* VENOM WARNED US ABOUT.

"THERE IS NO ESCAPE!"

THE AWFUL SCRAGG WIL BRING YOU TO THE HIVE!

SCRAGG, OL' BUDDY!

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU!

YOU CAN SHAKE THIS!

WHAM!

SCRAGG--

THAT CREATURE...

...TOO POWERFUL...

...CAN'T LET IT--

I'M SORRY AS HELL FOR THIS.

SKREEE

THE MIGHTY SCRAGG-- *HURTS!*

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HIM?

HE'S SUFFERING!

WHAT DID YOU *DO* TO HIM?

KID, I'M *SORRY!* YOUR MONSTER GOT TURNED IN THE MIDDLE OF *MANHATTAN*-- THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE I COULD DO!

KEI KAWADE...

...THE AWFUL SCRAGG...

...LOVES YOU...

FWOOOOOOOOSHHH!

SC-SCRAGG?

THIS HAS BEEN A LONG TIME COMING!

VENOM AND SPIDER-MAN *TOGETHER AGAIN!*

AND STILL *OUTCLASSED!*

THE HIVE THINKS THEY MADE ME INTO AN OBEDIENT HOUND!

BUT I AIN'T *NOBODY'S* DOG!

I ONLY CARE ABOUT KILLING --STARTING WITH *YOU.*

VENOM!

HOLD ON!

SHGGK!

OH, NO.

SPIDER-MAN!

OH, YEAH!

THAT FELT SO GREAT!

RRRRAAAAGH!

X-MEN!

TELL THAT SHIP OF YOURS TO OPEN THE FORCE FIELD!

THE X-MEN DO NOT NEED TO ISSUE THAT COMMAND, VENOM.

THEY ONLY NEED--TO HOLD ONTO SOMETHING.

WSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSH

TOO FAR FOR A WEBLINE.

SORRY ABOUT THIS, SPIDER-MAN.

JUST HANG ON!

NO! NO! DON'T SEND ME BACK TO SPACE!

I HAVE TO SAVE THE KIDS, BUT THAT SYMBIOTE YOU HATE SO MUCH...

"...MIGHT JUST SAVE YOUR LIFE!"

REEEAAAAARGH!

S-SOME KIND OF PSYCHIC *FEEDBACK.* JEAN, WHY ARE YOU *DOING* THIS.

TOO *MUCH--*

...I'M *NOT.*

THE *HIVE* ACTS THROUGH US.

IT WAS NOT A *LIE* WHEN I SAID YOU WOULD STRENGTHEN THE HIVE. SHE DRAWS UPON OUR COLLECTIVE STRENGTH.

SHE USES YOUR *GIFTS.*

THE PLANET WILL BELONG TO THE HIVE SOON ENOUGH, BUT THESE MORSELS?

SHE WANTS THE *PLEASURE* OF KILLING THEM HERSELF.

DO YOU THINK I WOULDN'T NOTICE HOW YOU RESISTED? JEAN GREY?

YOU ARE BUT *ANOTHER* ANOMALY.

THIS WILL BE THE FINAL STEP IN YOUR CONSUMPTION.

NNGH--

JEAN!

JEAN-- STOP THIS!

DON'T DO THIS!

SCOTT.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WHY DO YOU CONTINUE TO RESIST?

YOU ARE ONE WITH THE HIVE NOW!

THAT'S RIGHT.

THAT'S HOW YOU CAN USE MY TELEPATHY.

THAT'S HOW I AM CONNECTED TO YOU... TO THE MINDS OF ALL YOUR POISONS.

THAT'S HOW I CAN DRAW ALL THAT POWER TO ME.

VICTOR, STOP HER!

DON'T LET HER DO THIS TO US!

TO ME!

MOTHER!

I WILL NOT--

NO YOU DON'T, PAL!

YOU AND ME--WE'RE GONNA SEE HOW THIS THING PLAYS OUT!

VRIVASH-KRAVAL!

NO.

I THINK I'VE HAD ENOUGH.

ENOUGH OF THE POISONS.

ENOUGH OF YOU.

I'M SHUTTING YOU DOWN.

YOU'VE TAKEN SO MANY LIVES...ABSORBED SO MANY LIVING BEINGS FROM SO MANY WORLDS.

LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE IT.

I'M TAKING IT BACK.

N-NO! MOTHER!

I'M ENDING YOU.

BUT FIRST--

WHY ARE THEY *SCREAMING* LIKE THAT?

THE POISONS-- THEY'RE *DYING!*

SKREEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE

"VENOM'S TEAM... THEY MUST HAVE MADE IT TO THE POISON SHIP!

SKREEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE

"WHATEVER THEY'VE DONE... IT'S CAUSED SOME SORT OF CHAIN REACTION!

SKREEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE

"THE POISONS ARE COLLAPSING IN ON THEMSELVES!

"THEY'RE FINISHED!"

JEAN? IS IT REALLY YOU?

I... THINK SO?

I WAS GONE...MY BODY...WAS GONE.

JUST MY MIND REMAINED.

I ***FELT*** IT, BURIED SOMEWHERE IN THAT ***THING***. AND I JUST ***HELD ON*** AS TIGHT AND AS LONG AS I COULD. ***WAITED*** UNTIL I COULD PULL MYSELF ***BACK TOGETHER.***

I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I'M HUMAN ANY--

I GOT 'IM, GUYS. NO SIGN OF CARNAGE, THOUGH.

LET'S GET YOU HOME, WEBS.

CAR-- CARNAGE...

...DID WE SEE WHAT...

SHUT YOUR MOUTH FOR ONCE, WEBS.

JUST LET THAT SYMBIOTE HEAL YOU A BIT.

WELCOME BACK, RED.

THANKS. IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK.

IT'LL BE NICE...

"...TO GO BACK HOME.

"IT'LL BE GOOD TO REST... TO HEAL.

"BUT FIRST, WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO EXTRACT THE WEAPONIZED KLYNTAR FROM THEIR HOSTS...

"...AND TAKE THEM ALL BACK TO THEIR WORLD.

"WE STILL HAVE SOME WORK AHEAD OF US.

"MOST OF THE POISONS ARE DEAD.

"I GET THIS PSYCHIC IMPRESSION, THOUGH, THAT THERE ARE STILL SOME OUT THERE...

"FRIENDS...*AND* ENEMIES...

"...WHO SOMEHOW SURVIVED BEING SEVERED FROM THEIR QUEEN.

"I THINK IT'LL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE WE FULLY UNDERSTAND THESE CREATURES.

THE ISLAND OF MU.

"I COULD SENSE WHAT THE POISONS WANTED...

"I COULD FEEL HOW FRIGHTENED THEY WERE.

"I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THEM, THOUGH.

"I WAS CONNECTED TO THEM...TO *ALL* OF THEM.

"I'VE NEVER FELT SUCH *FEAR.*

"NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL THEY MIGHT HAVE BECOME...THEY WERE ALL SO AFRAID.

"IN THE END, THAT WAS WHAT DEFEATED THEM.

"THE *BOND* WE ALL FEEL WITH ONE ANOTHER."

SCCR--

SCCCRRAAA--

SCRAGG!

THE END.

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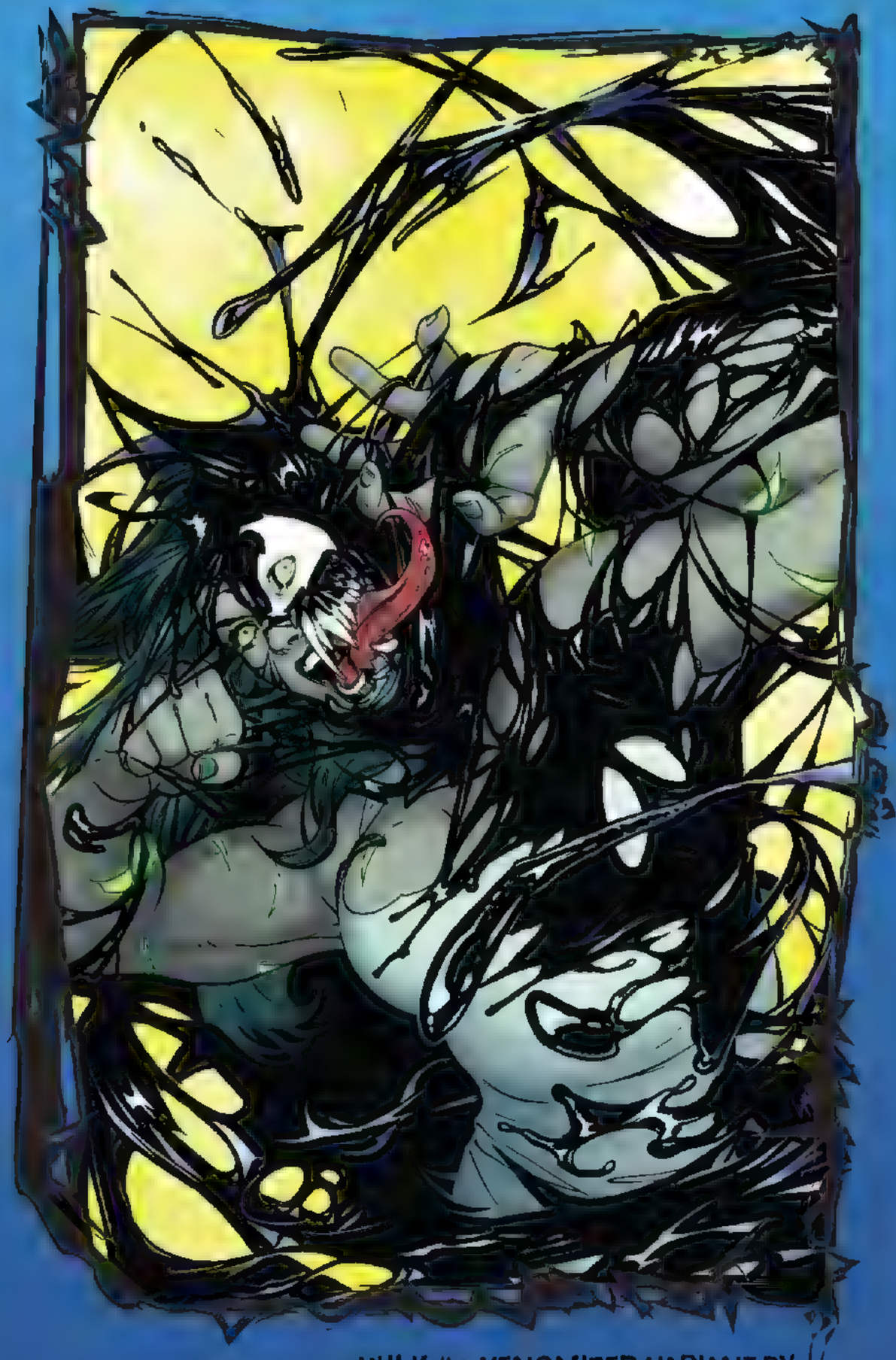

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